

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12-14, 20 and 21 to further clarify certain features of the claimed invention as discussed in detail below. New Claims 22-25 have been added. Claims 2, 4, 7, 10, 11, 15, 16 and 19 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12-14, 17, 18 and 20-25 are pending.

In the Office Action mailed December 12, 2006, Claims 1, 3, 9 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,953,017 to Beach et al. (“Beach”); Claims 5, 6, 8, 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Beach in combination with U.S. Patent No. 5,640,496 to Hardy et al. (“Hardy”); Claims 14 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Beach in combination with U.S. Patent No. 6,515,673 to Hashimoto et al. (“Hashimoto”); and, Claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Beach in combination with Hashimoto and Hardy.

Without acceding to the outstanding rejections, Claims 1, 9, 14 and 21 have been amended to recite, *inter alia*, storing and selectively decompressing a portion of compressed graphic image display data. It is apparent that the applied prior art does not teach or suggest at least this feature of Claims 1, 9, 14 and 21.

For example, the portion of Beach relied on in the Office Action teaches compressing a tree structure of displayed text items. *See* Beach, col. 6, lines 6-8; col. 11, line 31; and FIG. 5. Beach does not teach or suggest storing and selectively decompressing a portion of compressed graphic image display data as recited in Claims 1,

9, 14 and 21. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 9, 14 and 21 distinguish patentably from Beach. Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn.

Dependent Claims 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18 and 20 have been amended for consistency with their respective amended independent Claims 1, 9, 14 or 21. Claims 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18 and 20 are believed to distinguish patentably from the applied prior art due to their dependence from independent Claims 1, 9, 14, or 21, as well as for the additional features recited in Claims 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18 and 20.

New Claims 22-25 have been added to protect additional features of Applicant's invention. In particular, new Claims 22 and 23 recite that when the flag field for flagging the node as unused is set, the node flagged as unused remains in the linked list. New Claims 24 and 25 recite maintaining in the linked list the node flagged as unused when the node flag field is set. It is apparent that the applied prior art does not teach or suggest at least this feature. For example, Hardy teaches removing unused nodes from the linked list to the free list. *See Hardy*, col. 8, lines 22-23. Therefore, new Claims 22-25 are believed to distinguish patentably from the applied prior art due to their respective dependence from independent Claims 21, 1, 9 and 14, as well as for the above described feature recited in new Claims 22-25.

The present amendments to the previously presented claims make explicit what was already required by those claims. Thus, those amendments should not be considered as narrowing the scope of the claims in any way.

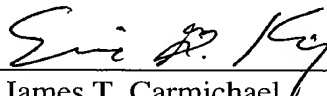
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A prompt Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T3497-10276US01) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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